- The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 8. 9. The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 9. 10. The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 10. 11. The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 11. 12. The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 12. 13. The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 13. 14. The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 14. 15. The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 15. 16. The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 16. 17. The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 17. 18 The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 18. 19.
- 36. The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 45.

  The oligonucleotide of claim 45 comprising at least one 2'-O-methyl nucleotide.

## REMARKS

The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 1 wherein the oligonucleotide is SEQ ID NO: 19.

Claims 1, 8-20, 36, 40-50 and 207-224 are pending in the application. Independent claim 1 and dependent claims 8-20, and 36 have been amended to reflect that that the synthetic oligonucleotide is selected from a group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 7-19 and 45. The "comprising" language has been deleted from each of the claims. Claim 47 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

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